

(b) The Government set the target for electrification of 40,000 villages during 2006-07 under RGGVY against which the implementing agencies have reported electrification of 28,706 un-electrified villages. State-wise details on achievements in rural electrification are given in the enclosed statement. (See below).

(c) The Government has allocated capital subsidy of Rs. 3983 crore for the year 2007-08 in comparison to Rs. 3000 crore allocated during 2006-07 under RGGVY.

Statement

State-wise Achievements of Villages Electrified and Households electrified under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana during 2006-07.

| Sl. No. | State | Villages Electrified | Total households covered including BPL | Of which BPL |
|---------|----------------|----------------------|--|--------------|
| 1. | Bihar | 8415 | 55 | 2724 |
| 2. | Karnataka | 0 | 141720 | 107047 |
| 3. | Rajasthan | 765 | 10514 | 9236 |
| 4. | Uttar Pradesh | 16620 | 251973 | 251628 |
| 5. | Uttarakhand | 798 | 22947 | 21539 |
| 6. | West Bengal | 2108 | 33288 | 26572 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 0 | 10373 | 10373 |
| 8. | Andhra Pradesh | 0 | 226654 | 226654 |
| TOTAL: | | 28706 | 697524 | 655773 |

Allocation of Power from Simhadri Thermal Power Station

3451. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC's 1000 MW Simhadri Thermal Power Station would supply power to all Southern States;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the NTPC is considering to set up two thermal power projects in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, whether any study has been conducted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The existing Simhadri Super Thermal Power Station Stage-I (2x500 MW) of NTPC Ltd., located in Andhra Pradesh, is dedicated to the State of Andhra Pradesh. However, NTPC Ltd. is currently implementing expansion project at Simhadri, namely, Simhadri Super Thermal Power Station Stage-II (2x500 MW) as a regional station envisaged for benefits in the 11th Plan. Power from this expansion project shall be supplied to all the States of Southern Region subject to signing of Power Purchase Agreement and compliance with conditions of Mega Power Policy.

(c) and (d) NTPC Ltd., in joint venture with Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB), has a proposal to establish thermal power plant of 2x500 MW capacity at Ennore in Tamil Nadu. Detailed Project Report for the project has been prepared and coal linkage has been approved. The project is proposed to be commissioned in 11 th Plan. In addition to this, two potential sites, one near village Cheyyur, District Kanchipuram and second near village Marakhanam, Distt. Villupuram have been identified in Tamil Nadu for setting up coal based Thermal Power Projects. Site specific studies/ investigations will be initiated after tie up for basic inputs (land etc.) for the proposed power projects.

Shortage of Electricity

3452. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power sector is reeling under an average shortage of over 8 per cent and 13 per cent as peak power deficit; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to improve power infrastructure and incentives to attract both domestic as well as Foreign investors in this sector?